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Dear Barb:

Thanks for your note of July 19th regarding the problems of the Jesuits in El Salvador.

A short time ago Secretary Vance met with representatives of the Church to discuss this serious matter. Deputy Secretary Warren Christopher, Ambassador Terry Todman, Mark Schneider, and I were also present from the Department.

Immediately after that meeting, Ambassador Todman met with the El Salvadorian Ambassador to convey our deep interest and great concern over the safety of these priests. Our Embassy in El Salvador also spoke directly to high officials in El Salvador conveying the same message.

We have reason to believe that the Government of El Salvador is making an effort to bring an end to the threats and to provide a measure of safety for the Jesuits and the Church.

In light of the deep concern which we feel, it is my hope to be in El Salvador within the next two weeks. I look forward to talking with you about my impressions around the 15th of August.

It's good to be in touch again, though I wish it were not on such a serious matter.

The Honorable
Barbara A. Mikulski,
House of Representatives.

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Thanks for your kind words, though I think
the one that's doing the super job is you.

Warmly,

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and Humanitarian Affairs

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